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REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TOWN OF STRAF- FORD, FOR THE YEAR 1884, ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

PAID SCHOOL BILLS.

District No.	1,	C. F. Foss,	\$127 12
	3,	A. S. Scruton,	186 84
	4,	Samuel T. Welch,	63 17
	5,	John L. Babb,	113 30
	7,	Mark F. Foss,	95 42
	9,	James H. Stiles,	147 30
10 &	11,	Oliver P. Berry,	246 97
	12,	W. H. Perkins,	73 94
	13,	W. A. Small,	88 86
	14,	B. T. Hayes,	59 04
	15,	Smith W. Caswell,	96 40
	16,	W. H. Tasker,	106 71
	17,	H. M. Foss,	140 20
	18,	S. M. Leighton,	102 80
	19,	Mrs. C. A. Jackson,	90 20
	20,	Samuel Tasker,	55 88
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			\$1,694 15

PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

Paid Clinton Caswell, summer 1883,	\$ 7 35
Daniel J. Holmes, bridge plank and stringers,	16 08
Cotton H. Foss, spring of 1884,	6 00
Tobias Brock, " "	6 00
D. J. Holmes, lumber for bridge,	23 78
Herbert J. Holmes, spring of 1884,	17 92
D. J. Holmes, " "	13 26
H. S. Babb, " "	5 03
Ivory Johnson, " "	15 24
C. E. Hodgdon, " "	25 00
S. H. Foss, Blue Hill Pauper road,	31 30
C. F. Garland, spring of 1884,	13 21
Locke & Critchett, building road,	75 00
Samuel Jenness,	3 37
C. F. Montgomery, spring of 1884,	12 00
E. W. Drew, summer of 1884,	7 73
T. V. Fernald, spring of 1884,	10 36
G. A. Caverly, " "	11 39
J. L. Hall, " "	3 00
Daniel Clay, " "	8 98
S. N. Lougee, " "	10 00
J. E. Whitcher, lumber for bridge,	21 91
C. E. Evans, winter of 1885,	11 07
Joseph Piper, Pauper road,	5 89
J. A. Whitcher, damage to plow,	2 00
Oscar E. Howard, spring of 1884,	2 46
Wm. H. Berry, lumber and labor for bridge,	10 90
J. E. Whitcher, spring of 1884,	4 54
Edgar S. Otis, damage to plow,	2 00
A. P. Meader, spring of 1884,	7 26
C. E. Evans, summer of 1884,	8 10
Clinton Caswell, spring of 1884,	25 33
L. W. Evans, " "	4 70
J. & D. Huckins, powder and fuse,	46
H. T. Gray, winter of 1885,	14 31
" " summer of 1884,	2 15
H. E. Tasker, damage to plow,	1 00
Stephen Leighton, winter of 1883-4,	22 38

Paid Freeman Berry, spring of 1884,	\$ 1 54
E. J. Parshley, " "	2 35
S. V. Gray, winter of 1884-5,	6 36
H. W. Evans, summer of 1884,	4 20
Wm. J. Foss, summer and fall of 1884,	3 72
Ruel L. Gray, " "	1 30
Lyman Parsons, spring of 1884,	12 62
Azriah Waldron, lumber and labor, Bow bridge,	18 25
B. P. Berry, spring of 1884,	5 16
Edwin W. Drew, winter of 1885,	9 99
Wm. J. Foss, winter of 1885,	5 52
D. J. Holmes, winter of 1884-5,	3 96
D. J. Holmes, repairing bridge,	10 87
D. J. Holmes, breaking roads, district 18, winter 1884-5,	13 65
F. H. Hall, lumber for Bow Pond bridge,	31 93
C. N. Daniels, spring of 1884,	34 23
Cyrus G. Scott, winter of 1883-4,	5 76
H. S. Babb, plow broken,	2 00
C. H. Avery, lumber and labor for bridge,	13 85
H. A. Berry, plow broken,	2 00
H. J. Holmes, summer of 1884,	7 00
" " winter of 1885,	4 79
Stephen Leighton, " "	21 24
A. P. Wentworth, Blue Hill Pauper, summer of 1884,	7 69
A. P. Wentworth, winter of 1884-5,	16 50
C. E. Hodgdon, spring of 1884,	9 26
" " summer " "	18 51
H. C. Coburn, spring " "	2 50
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	\$745 21

PAID NOTES, INTEREST AND BONDS.

Albert H. Foss,	\$63 20	Lizzie S. Caswell,	\$20 00
Geo. W. Gray,	65 92	H. S. Scruton,	44 42
Sylvester Foss,	158 00	Joel F. Berry,	372 96
E. L. Weeks,	16 00	Gorham T. Foss,	857 25

Betsy Y. Caverly,	\$ 80 56	Emma P. Neal,	\$150 00
Mary A. Hall,	279 51	C. F. Montgomery,	498 07
Harrison Twombly,	504 50	Daniel Huckins,	2,743 84
J. L. Holmes,	192 84	Aaron W. Foss,	2,444 05
Mary A. McDonald,	35 00	D. D. Caswell,	231 46
D. M. Perkins,	1,825 98	"	287 75
H. S. Scruton,	259 17	J. F. Worster, bond,	104 66
Frank H. Hall,	333 87	"	" 52 33
Clara J. Hall,	89 20	"	" 52 33
C. F. Montgomery,	699 10	"	" 104 66
Rufus Hall,	920 58	"	" 104 66
Asa Perkins,	1,441 42	Mary J. Parsons,	52 29
Sarah A. Trickey,	226 56	Ellen M. Smith,	123 00
Asa Perkins,	100 00	Sundry persons as per	
Polly Otis,	101 04	coupons,	80 00
Mary L. Daniels,	66 23		
Martha A. Perkins,	602 20		\$16,483 82
David M. Perkins,	100 00		

BILLS PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid D. C. Durgin, support of O. G. Johnson, 1883,	\$ 25 00
Moses Otis, support of H. M. Otis, 1884,	43 00
C. H. Kelley, support of Georgie Kelley,	30 75
H. H. Tuttle, support of Susan Leighton,	57 50
Plumer Johnson, support of Lois Sawyer,	41 25
E. R. Perkins, support of J. P. Wentworth,	19 00
D. C. Durgin, support of O. G. Johnson,	18 35
Daniel Berry, allowance from county,	55 50
Mary J. Young, nursing M. Evans,	8 00
J. S. Evans, support of "	4 00
L. W. Caverly, support of Sally Hayes,	7 00
C. M. Hill, boots delivered L. Brown,	1 50
" goods delivered M. Evans,	14 99
C. N. Daniels, support of Sally Hayes,	61 50

Paid Comfort N. Daniels, for minister preaching funeral sermon for S. Hayes,	\$ 1 00
Hiram Felker, goods delivered M. Varney,	5 69
F. Feineman, clothes for D. Berry,	11 50
Joshua Otis, goods delivered M. Varney,	45 04
Mrs. D. W. Evans, support of Sarah Evans,	130 00
H. W. Roberts, goods delivered M. Varney,	7 00
Wm. Waterhouse, medical attendance to M. Evans,	22 65
James Farrington, medical attendance to M. Varney,	9 50
J. W. Pray, medical attendance to Mrs. R. J. Caverly,	6 00
Freeman Shepard, house rent for J. W. Roberts,	12 00
J. S. Hill, digging grave for Sally Hayes,	2 00
D. McDaniel, medical attendance to Fannie Stiles,	8 25
F. P. Virgin, medical attendance to Joseph May,	47 50
A. B. Hill, coffin and box for Sally Hayes,	13 50
G. H. Brown, support of L. Brown,	38 50
“ “ M. Evans,	18 00
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to M. Evans,	26 00
Charles Blazo, medical attendance to Joseph May,	80 00
F. Feineman, clothes for J. P. Wentworth,	2 75
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to F. Stiles,	22 00
“ “ L. Brown,	22 00
H. G. Bunker, nursing Joseph May,	44 00
T. R. Perkins, “	12 00
F. P. Whitehouse, “	148 75
G. U. Ricker, support of S. Leighton,	15 00
Lovell T. Berry, support of J. P. Wentworth,	40 00
Wm. H. Berry, support of M Evans,	15 00
Joshua Berry, boarding of Joseph May, beds and bedding destroyed on account of said May,	209 00
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to S. Hayes,	83 75

Paid I. A. Foss, nursing Z. T. Berry,	\$ 52 00
J. W. Pray, medical attendance to S. Leighton,	75 00
W. P. Stanton, bed destroyed on account of J. May,	17 00
Moses Otis, support of H. M. Otis,	9 00
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	\$1,638 72

BILLS PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid J. W. Pray, medical attendance to H. Otis,	\$ 4 50
J. A. Foss, feeding tramps,	3 00
County of Strafford, support of E. J. Foye,	35 25
N. C. Twombly, support of A. Bunker,	64 50
J. B. Stevens, medical attendance to J. Barker,	5 25
C. D. Scruton, support of E. J. Foye,	10 00
D. B. Whitehouse, support and nursing of J. Barker,	15 00
Charles Blazo, medical attendance to J. Barker,	2 50
James Foss, digging grave for A. Bunker,	2 00
J. & D. Huckins, boots for J. S. Evans,	4 00
C. M. Hill, boots for A. L. Tuttle,	1 50
" goods delivered to L. B. Johnson,	5 00
D. McDaniels, boarding and medical attend- ance to E. J. Foye for 1883,	65 00
M. E. Babb, coffin for M. C. Willey's son,	18 50
C. M. Hill, goods delivered C. E. Roberts,	5 00
G. H. Brown, support of A. L. Tuttle and child,	76 50
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to A. L. Tuttle,	21 00
G. H. Hawley, medical attendance to Willey family,	50 00
G. H. Hawley, medical attendance to J. W. Avery,	55 75
A. B. Hill, coffin and box for A. Bunker,	13 50
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	\$457 73

PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, &c.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$1,148 00
Charles S. Cartland, county tax,	1,318 69
E. B. Lane, books and stationery,	14 94
John O. Boody, printing school bills,	1 50
G. G. Berry, printing check list,	9 16
Wm. Waterhouse, births and deaths,	25
H. C. Coburn, " "	1 00
J. W. Pray, " "	1 25
N. C. Twombly, " "	45
C. W. Hanson, " "	1 75
C. W. Folsom, printing town accounts, 1883,	27 20
John S. Foss, return of births and deaths and stationery,	5 50
Samuel T. Welch, watering tub,	3 00
Cotton H. Foss, wood for town hall,	2 25
A. V. Canney, watering tub,	3 00
C. F. Montgomery, drawback on tax,	1 00
D. B. Whitehouse, watering tub, 1884,	3 00
W. W. Hawkins, " "	2 00
T. D. Gowen, for express,	65
D. B. Whitehouse, watering tub, 1883,	3 00
Warren H. Perkins, guide-boards and posts,	85 00
Asa Perkins, drawback on tax,	1 68
John O. Boody, printing orders,	2 25
H. E. Griffin, drawback on tax,	51
L. W. Foss, drawback on horse lost,	2 45
C. Shaw, " "	1 02
D. J. Holmes, cash paid out as selectman,	6 00
J. H. Hall, " "	7 70
C. D. Scruton, " "	9 10
J. C. Hall, watering tub,	3 00
Paul Perkins, running road,	2 75
H. S. Hill, guide-boards,	1 25
H. S. Hill, for burial permits,	2 70
Daniel Huckins, wood for town hall,	1 00
H. C. Coburn, births and deaths,	1 00

 \$2,675 30

PAID LAWSUITS AND DAMAGES.

Paid John Kivel, 1883,	\$20 00
C. E. Hodgdon, damage to sleigh,	5 00
C. R. Parsons, "	2 00
S. H. Jones, damage to horse,	25 00
J. L. Babb, damage to wagon,	5 00
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	\$57 00

PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Paid J. D. Clark, selectman, spring of 1884,	\$ 10 00
D. J. Holmes, "	8 00
L. K. Foss, "	10 00
John D. Clark, balance for selectman for 1883,	99 55
C. D. Scruton, agent and expenses selling J. T. Caverly property,	17 50
E. I. Foss, supervisor, spring of 1884,	6 50
" " fall "	5 00
John S. Foss, " " "	6 30
" " spring "	5 25
J. M. Whitehouse, constable,	2 00
C. F. Montgomery, "	2 00
H. G. Bunker, "	2 00
John I. Berry, "	2 00
C. F. Felker,	1 50
B. F. Foss, moderator,	6 00
M. F. Foss, collector for 1883,	90 00
O. M. Foss, supervisor, year 1884,	16 00
H. S. Hill, auditing town accounts, 1883,	1 50
John S. Foss, town clerk,	30 00
Daniel Huckins, treasurer, cash paid out,	62 00
Charles D. Scruton, selectman, 1884,	120 00
Joseph L. Hall, "	114 00
Daniel J. Holmes, "	102 00
John C. Hayes, auditor, 1883,	1 50
John H. Jewell, supt'g school committee,	65 00
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	\$785 60

PAID BOUNTIES ON WOODCHUCKS.

Paid C. D. Scruton, cash paid sundry persons,	\$19 70
J. H. Hall, " "	66 50
D. J. Holmes, " "	28 00
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	\$114 20

PAID DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid James H. Berry,	\$ 5 06
J. H. Hall,	3 79
J. A. Whitcher,	35 11
D. D. Caswell,	3 79
Blaner Hawkes,	3 79
W. W. Waldron,	18 95
C. E. Ham,	3 13
Hanson Howard,	2 27
B. P. Berry,	3 79
A. W. Foss,	11 37
J. C. Hall,	3 13
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	\$94 18

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED J. L. HALL ON HIS LIST
FOR 1882—TOWN TAXES.

J. G. Holmes, }	
H. J. Holmes, }	\$28 32
Charles O. Gray,	1 78
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	\$30 10

Abatements Allowed Mark F. Foss on his List of High-
way Taxes for the Year 1883.

E. B. Bruce,	\$ 1 39
Nancy Demeritt,	1 13
John P. Waldron,	12 45
Stephen H. Gray,	1 87
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	\$16 84

Abatements Allowed Mark F. Foss on his List of Dog
Taxes for the Year 1883.

Jacob W. Foss,	\$1 00
Wm. Strachn,	2 00
Lyman Wingate,	1 00
C. H. Caswell, 2d,	1 00
Wm. J. Foss,	2 00
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	\$7 00

Abatements Allowed Mark F. Foss on his List of Town
Taxes for the Year 1883.

M. J. Webster, overtaxed,	\$ 75
Alonzo Curtis, poor,	1 88
Charles E. Roberts, poor,	3 76
D. D. Hanscom,	47
Scott W. Caswell, non-resident,	1 88
D. W. Tuttle, poor,	2 88
Alonzo L. Holmes, non-resident,	2 36
J. L. Caverly, " "	1 88
J. Tasker, I. Hill, his land overtaxed,	1 04
E. J. Foss, poor,	1 88
C. A. Johnson, non-resident,	1 88
Moses Y. Otis, " "	2 50
A. W. Holmes, poor,	1 88
D. D. Gowen, stage horses,	3 30
G. W. Caverly, non-resident,	1 88
Joseph W. Evans, " "	2 36
Paul Tasker, poor,	8 84
David Houston, overtaxed,	7 52
James M. Canney, non-resident,	1 88
Freeman Shepard, }	9 78
I. T. Shepard, }	
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	\$60 60

Abatements Allowed Mark F. Foss on his List of Town
Taxes for the Year 1884.

Francis Reed, minister,	\$ 3 36
James Riley, non-resident,	1 68
A. M. Lee, poor,	1 68
Alonzo Curtis, poor,	1 68
Charles E. Roberts, poor,	3 44
Alice Bunker, dead,	18
S. M. Langmaid, overtaxed,	7 56
Frank Buffum, non-resident,	1 68
Charles P. Foss, " "	2 09
D. W. Tuttle, poor,	2 02
G. W. Armstrong, non-resident,	1 68
G. A. Hayes, lame,	1 68
J. H. Foss, horse lost,	1 00
J. S. Neal, minister,	1 68
John W. Avery, dead,	5 32
G. L. Goodwin, " "	2 14
M. Varney, poor,	1 68
E. Berry, }	16 58
W. F. Berry, }	
Lydia Winkley, poor,	1 26
L. W. Evans, non-resident,	2 10
H. F. Young, minister,	2 94
E. B. Bruce, non-resident,	1 68
C. E. Jenness, steer and sheep lost,	50
C. K. Foss, barn burned,	3 00
D. W. Evans, dead,	1 68
O. P. Berry, horse lost,	84
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	\$71 13

RECAPITULATION OF MONEY PAID AWAY FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Amount paid for school bills,	\$ 1,694 15
“ highways and bridges,	745 21
“ notes, interest and bonds,	16,483 82
“ county paupers,	1,638 72
“ town “	457 73
“ state and county taxes, &c.,	2,675 30
“ lawsuits and damage,	57 00
“ sundry persons for service,	785 60
“ sundry persons for bounties on woodchucks,	114 20
“ damage to sheep,	74 18
Amount allowed on abatements, years 1882-3-4,	185 67
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	\$24,931 58
Austin Academy fund deposit in bank,	4,000 00
In treasurer's hands,	2,406 38
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	\$31,337 96

MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY DANIEL HUCKINS, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR 1884, ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

Received of Daniel Huckins, treasurer for 1883,	\$1,689 90
“ Rufus Hall, by note,	920 58
“ Frank H. Hall, “	333 08
“ Mary A. Hall, “	279 51
“ Clara J. Hall, “	89 20
“ Betsey Y. Caverly, “	80 56
“ Asa Perkins. “	1,400 00
“ Sylvester Foss, “	158 00
“ Albert H. Foss, “	63 20
“ C. F. Montgomery, “	400 00
“ Martha A. Perkins, “	600 00

Received of David M. Perkins, by note,	\$1,600 00
“ Herbert S. Scruton, “	44 00
“ Joel F. Berry, “	272 00
“ Gorham T. Foss, “	857 25
“ Aaron W. Foss, “	2,000 00
“ Daniel Huckins, “	2,200 00
“ C. F. Montgomery, “	498 00
“ Warren H. Perkins, on note,	85 00
“ J. F. Caverly property,	900 00
“ Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1,231 55
“ “ literary fund,	181 44
“ “ bounty on wood-	
“ “ chucks,	131 70
“ J. L. Hall, collector for 1882,	82 90
“ “ abatements, “	30 10
“ G. W. Brewster, interest on bond,	1 00
“ Mark F. Foss, collector for 1883,	1,586 00
“ “ abatements, “	84 44
“ “ collector for 1884,	7,943 32
“ “ interest on taxes,	
“ “ 1884,	63 68
“ “ abatements for 1884,	71 13
Received Austin Academy fund,	4,000 00
Received of Charles S. Cartland, support of county paupers,	1,460 42
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	\$31,337 96

DANIEL HUCKINS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HIRAM S. HILL, }
JAMES H. FOSS, } Auditors.

Strafford, March 2d, 1885.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1884.

Outstanding Debts Against the Town March 1, 1885.

Samuel F. Welch,	\$ 197 53
Eliza J. Hill,	64 05
Sarah A. Foss,	298 64
Charles F. Montgomery,	44 99
Oliver M. Swain,	310 00
Lyman Parsons,	210 75
Mary A. McDonald,	102 54
Elmer Berry,	45 49
Cotton H. Foss,	490 02
John H. Scott,	77 66
Albert H. Foss,	352 73
John W. Jewell,	243 20
E. L. Weeks,	207 33
Emma P. Neal,	1,341 68
Stephen Young,	2,339 90
Martha Whitcher,	709 26
John H. Perry,	341 87
Lizzie S. Caswell,	321 62
Elmer Berry,	136 74
Mary E. Hill,	227 91
Abigail T. Swain,	569 80
Elmer Berry,	126 87
Mary W. Evans,	51 29
Joseph A. Whitcher,	766 91
Joseph E. Whitcher,	82 61
Charles W. Whitcher,	558 12
Horace A. Tasker,	97 28
Herbert E. Tasker,	97 28
Warren P. Hanscom,	104 08
Mary A. Hall,	289 29
Rufus Hall,	952 80
Clara J. Hall,	92 32
Frank H. Hall,	344 73

Betsey Y. Caverly,	\$ 83 30
Asa Perkins,	1,436 71
Sylvester Foss,	159 89
Charles F. Montgomery,	400 62
David M. Perkins,	1,602 48
Martha A. Perkins,	600 93
Herbert S. Scruton,	44 23
Joel F. Berry,	272 14
Aaron W. Foss,	2,000 97
Daniel Huckins,	2,200 97
Charles F. Montgomery,	498 22
Gorham T. Foss,	862 96
Jesse M. Knowles, bond,	1,200 00
Joseph P. Weeks, "	400 00
Geo. W. Brewster, "	175 00
Judith Brewster, "	200 00
Marston W. Brock, "	52 00
School district No. 11, before annexed to No. 10,	27 51
School district No. 6,	157 73
Austin Academy fund deposit in bank,	4,000 00
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	\$28,860 29

DEBTS DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1885.

J. F. Caverly, collector for the years 1778-9,	\$ 301 71
Mark K. & Loring K. Foss,	260 28
Warren H. Perkins,	174 16
Mark F. Foss, collector for 1883,	26 81
" " 1884,	1,345 04
Amount in treasurer's hands,	2,406 38
Austin Academy fund deposit in bank,	4,000 00
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	\$8,514 39
Outstanding debts March 1, 1885,	\$28,860 29
Debts due the town March 1, 1885,	8,514 39
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Balance against the town March 1, 1885,	\$20,345 90
Amount of U. S. bounties and David and John W. Avery note, thrown out of the ac- counts last March, which, if allowed, amounting to	2,460 37
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Would leave a balance against town of	\$17,885 53
Making the reduction of the town debt for the year 1884,	\$2,771 65

CHARLES D. SCRUTON,	} Selectmen of Strafford.
JOSEPH L. HALL,	
DANIEL J. HOLMES,	

HIRAM S. HILL,	} Auditors.
JAMES H. FOSS,	

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF STRAFFORD,

For the Year Ending March, 1885.

CITIZENS OF STRAFFORD:

In compliance with the laws of the state, I herewith submit the following report of the condition of the public schools in town for the past year:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Amount of school money, \$127.15. Prudential committee, Charles F. Foss. Two terms. A summer term of nine and winter term of thirteen and four-tenths weeks. Mrs. Edna I. Berry taught this school both terms. This school is not large or far advanced, but the scholars made great improvement. Mrs. Berry is a graduate of New Hampton Institute, and a very practical and successful teacher.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 18; average No., 17.

2d " " 19; " 17.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Amount of school money, \$86.84. Prudential committee, Albion S. Scruton. Two terms. A summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss Clara J. Berry. This school is not far advanced, but the scholars tried hard, and evidently made improvement. Miss Berry was a young teacher, with no experience, which made it hard work for her, but she succeeded well.

Whole No. of scholars, 22 ; average No., 20.

The winter term of eleven weeks was under the instruction of Miss Nettie F. Foss. The scholars made rapid progress, and were quite thorough at the close of the term. Miss Foss did admirable work, and met with the best of success.

Whole No. of scholars, 23 ; average No., 20.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Amount of school money, \$63.17. Prudential committee, S. Frank Welch. One term of twelve and two-tenths weeks. This school was in session during the fall, and taught by Mr. Frank G. Foss, who resides in the district. This is a small school, consisting of small scholars, but they seemed to be diligent workers in their studies, and made improvement, although it was a wonder, as they had so small an amount of schooling. Mr. Foss worked with interest for the school, and obtained good results.

Whole No. of scholars, 5 ; average No., 5.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Amount of school money, \$113.30. Prudential committee, John L. Babb. Two terms. A summer term of eight and fall term of twelve weeks. This school was

avored with the services of Miss Hortense Dealand of Wolfeboro' during both terms, with good results. The scholars seemed to try hard, although some were more deficient in reading than any other study, but in time, I have no reason to doubt, with a proper guide, they will come out victoriously, as they have made great improvement during the past year. Miss Dealand is a graduate of New Hampton Institute and a diligent teacher. She tried to make the school pleasant and profitable as far as she possibly could.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 11 ; average No., 9.

2d " " 10 ; " 9.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Amount of school money, \$29.32. Prudential committee, Jacob W. Foss. One term. This school did not commence till Feb. 23, and is under the instruction of Miss Abbie D. Perkins, who is an active, energetic teacher, and will do all in her power for the advancement of the school.

Whole No. attending the school, 5, of which No. only 2 reside in the district.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Amount of school money, \$95.42. Prudential committee, Mark F. Foss. Two terms. A summer and fall term of eight weeks each. This school was taught by Miss Lucretia G. Osborne of Campello, Mass. The scholars made excellent progress during the two terms, being very thorough in what they went over. I was much pleased with the reading classes. Most of the scholars are good readers, and show plainly the effect of having a good teacher in elocution. Miss Osborne is a fine

teacher, working hard for the welfare of the school. This is one of the farthest advanced schools in town.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 34; average No., 27.

2d " " 33; " 25.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Amount of school money, \$147.25. Prudential committee, James H. Stiles. Two terms. A summer term of ten and six-tenths weeks. Miss S. Evannah Stiles taught the school. She resides in the district, and, as a natural consequence, tried to make all the improvement possible. This school was small in number, but the pupils progressed well in their studies.

Whole No. of scholars, 14; average No., 12.

The winter term of school, thirteen and six-tenths weeks, was under the instruction of Miss Sarah Foss. The scholars advanced quite fast, and seemed to understand what they had been over thoroughly. Miss Foss is a teacher of experience, and labors hard for the prosperity of her school.

Whole No. of scholars, 18; average No., 17.

DISTRICT Nos. 10 & 11.

Amount of school money, \$246.97. Prudential committee, Oliver P. Berry. Three terms. A summer term of ten and fall term of nine weeks. The services of Miss L. Alice Felker were obtained both terms. This is the longest and one of the farthest advanced schools in town. The pupils made marked improvement in their studies, while under her instruction. Miss Felker is a graduate of New Hampton Institute, and has also taken a Normal course in Massachusetts. She is a fine teacher, and has a peculiar faculty of imparting knowledge to her pupils.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 39; average No., 33.

2d, " " 45; " 41.

The winter term of nine and two-tenths weeks was taught by Mr. Henry O. Hill of Washington, N. H. The pupils advanced quite fast, and passed a good examination at the close of the term, but for some reason there was a large amount of absence, which I was sorry to see. Mr. Hill is a graduate of Union College, New York, and one of our best teachers. He believes in having order to do the proper work, which is essential in our schools.

3d term, whole No. of scholars, 41 ; average No., 29.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Amount of school money, \$73.94. Prudential committee, W. H. Perkins. Two terms. A summer and fall term of eight weeks each, taught by Mrs. N. L. Perkins. This school is composed of small scholars, few in number, but they improved rapidly and were very thorough. Mrs. Perkins has had much experience in teaching and understands thoroughly the way of imparting knowledge to her pupils.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 8 ; average No., 7.

2d " " 9 ; " 8.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Amount of school money, \$88.86. Prudential committee, Warren A. Small. Two terms. The summer school of seven and eight-tenths weeks was instructed by Miss Abbie D. Perkins. Miss Perkins tried hard for the improvement of the scholars, and succeeded well. Most of the pupils were diligent workers, and made good progress during the term.

Whole No. of scholars, 20 ; average No., 18.

The winter school of nine and four-tenths weeks was taught by Mr. Charles W. Whitcher. The scholars, most

of them, advanced rapidly, and were thorough when examined. Mr. Witcher is a pleasant and active teacher, which makes his labor quite profitable, when obtained.

Whole No. of scholars, 23; average No., 20.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Amount of school money, \$59.04. Prudential committee, Benjamin T. Hayes. Two terms. A summer term of eight, and fall term of seven weeks. This school was taught by Miss Anna B. Hayes. As she resides in the district and has taught the school for several terms, it is evident that her services meet the approval of the district. The school is quite small and not far advanced. Miss Hayes seemed to try hard during both terms for the advancement of her pupils.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 9; average No., 7.

2d " " 5; " 4.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Amount of school money, \$96.40. Prudential committee, Smith W. Caswell. Two terms. A summer term of six and fall term of thirteen weeks. This school was taught both terms by Miss Lillian A. Piper. It is a small school and not far advanced, but the scholars made commendable improvement. This was Miss Piper's first attempt at teaching, but she did very well indeed.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 13; average No., 12.

2d " " 14; " 14.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Amount of school money, \$107.71. Prudential committee, W. H. Tasker. Two terms. A summer term of eight, and winter term of ten and eight-tenths weeks. The

school was taught both terms by Miss Carrie Evans of Barnstead. This school is small in number, but some of the pupils are well advanced. They made good progress during the year, understanding thoroughly what they had been over. Miss Evans labored hard for her scholars and was very successful in her work.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 13 ; average No., 10.

2d " " 13 ; " 10.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Amount of school money, \$140.20. Prudential committee, Henry M. Foss. Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks was very successfully taught by Miss Mertie F. Jewell. The school was quite large in number, some of which were well advanced. They did nicely, making great improvement during the term. Miss Jewell was a teacher of little experience, but one that put forth every effort for the advancement of her pupils.

Whole No. of scholars, 27 ; average No., 21.

The winter term of thirteen and two-tenths weeks was taught by Mr. C. H. Twombly. The term was long, and the scholars advanced quite fast, understanding what they passed over thoroughly. Mr. Twombly tried hard for the improvement of this school, and did complimentary work.

Whole No. of scholars, 27 ; average No., 20.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Amount of school money, \$102.80. Prudential committee, Stephen M. Leighton. Two terms. A summer term of eight, and winter term of eleven weeks, both taught by Miss Anna J. Clarke of Concord. This school made great advancement during the two terms, and I must say for the smaller ones they did very finely indeed. Some of the scholars are quite well advanced. Miss Clarke is a

thorough teacher, and at the same time gains the good will of her pupils, which is a great thing for the prosperity of schools.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 18 ; average No., 16.

2d " " 20 ; " 17.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Amount of school money, \$90.18. Prudential committee, Mattie J. Jackson. Two terms. A summer term of seven and winter term of eleven weeks. Miss Mary Hall of Nottingham taught this school both terms. She is a teacher of considerable experience, and one that believes in thoroughness—therefore, her school made great improvement. This school is quite large in number, and some are well advanced.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 23 ; average No., 22.

2d " " 25 ; " 22.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Amount of school money, \$55.88. Prudential committee, Samuel Tasker. Two terms. A summer term of seven, and fall term of seven and six-tenths weeks, both taught by Miss Nellie S. Hill of Northwood. This was the first of Miss Hill's teaching, but she did well under the circumstances. This school is one of the smallest in town and not far advanced, but the scholars made fair improvement.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 3 ; average No., 3.

2d " " 5 ; " 4.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The whole number in town, as now constituted, are 17. In six of these the whole number of scholars range from three to eleven. These districts are so situated that they cannot be united with, or divided up between, other dis-

tricts without inconvenience, except in one instance. That is district No. 20, which could be annexed to district No. 17, with little inconvenience, with great advantage to both. But what is better still, would be the union of districts Nos. 16, 17 and 20. If these were united, the number of scholars would not be large—no larger than any competent teacher could handle with ease—very few of the scholars would have a greater distance to travel than now, and the advantages to all would be greatly increased. We commend this suggestion to the candid consideration of the citizens of these districts, trusting they will take early action in the matter.

SCHOOLHOUSES.

Some of the districts in town have very good and convenient houses; in others they answer the purpose, although not what they ought to be. Those in districts Nos. 10, 11 and 17 are unfit for the accommodation and comfort of the scholars. These are two of the wealthiest districts in town, and the citizens and tax-payers therein ought to be liberal enough to fit up the present structures in a suitable manner or build larger and more convenient ones.

SCHOOL MONEY.

The amount raised by taxation the past year was \$1,563.21, and the literary fund \$161.22, making a total of \$1,724.43, or about \$6.01 for each scholar attending school two weeks. The town at the last annual meeting "voted to raise five hundred dollars in addition to what is required by law." I would recommend that the town appropriate no less amount for the ensuing year.

TEXT BOOKS.

No change has been made the past year. Agreeably to an act of the legislature of 1883, a treatise on physiology,

hygiene and narcotics has been introduced, entitled "Lessons on the Human Body," an elementary treatise upon physiology, hygiene and the effects of stimulants and narcotics on the human system, by Orestes M. Brands, which we believe will prove beneficial to the scholars in our public schools. We would also recommend to parents and guardians a careful perusal, which may aid them in the rearing and training of their children and wards.

TEACHERS.

There has been employed in our public schools the past year twenty-two different teachers. Of these four have been male and eighteen female. Most of them have been very successful, and have met my most sanguine expectations in the discharge of their duties.

SCHOLARS.

The number of scholars returned to me by the selectmen between the ages of 5 and 15 years was 238. Of these 100 were girls and 138 boys. The number of scholars attending school not less than two weeks in summer per register was 275. Of these 120 were girls and 155 boys. Under 5 and over 15 years, 28. The number attending school in winter was 291—girls, 137; boys, 154. Of these 38 were under 5 and over 15 years of age. The average attendance in summer was 238. The average attendance in winter was 239. The average of whole number attending school not less than two weeks in summer and winter was 283.

DISCIPLINE AND IMPROVEMENT.

The discipline in most of the schools through town for the past year has been good. The improvement in some of the schools has not been as marked as I hoped for, but as a general result it has been quite satisfactory.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

This you will find at the office of the town clerk.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

Permit me to call your attention to one great and important duty, that of attending the annual school meetings. Select your best citizens for prudential committees, those who will take an interest in the schools, and employ none but the best instructors, regardless of friendship or favoritism of any kind. This is essential, if you desire the success of our public schools. I see by the registers that there has been a large per cent. of absenteeism the past year. This should be remedied in the future. See that your children and wards attend school daily unless detained by sickness or some other unavoidable cause.

In conclusion, allow me to urge upon you a greater interest and more earnest effort in behalf of our public schools. They are the nurseries from which we have obtained most of our intelligence as a people, and should be liberally provided for, and receive the united efforts of every good citizen to raise them to a higher standard of proficiency and usefulness. I append the Roll of Honor for the districts through town. It contains the names of those attending any term without being absent or tardy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. JEWELL, S. S. Com.

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 1.—Ernest W. Foss, Arthur B. Foss, Maggie A. Reed, Willie B. Scruton, Ethel M. Scruton, Allie B. Scruton, Sadie L. Scruton.

District No. 3.—Etta M. Berry, Effie J. Berry, Bessie G. Hall, Elsie G. Cater, Arthur Brock, Jodie A. Whitehouse, Eddie W. Whitehouse, Clara B. Foss, Lillian Scruton, Edith Scruton, Allie B. Felker.

District No. 4.—Susie C. Rewitzer.

District N. 5.—Frank H. Babb, Hattie E. Babb.

District No. 7.—Walter H. Babb, Irving C. Foss, Mabel L. Berry, Grace G. Roberts, Nellie J. Garland, Zina A. Babb, Effie E. Babb, Berthina A. Miller, Alma D. Miller.

District No. 9.—Chester R. Brown, Albert C. Berry, Wilbur G. Stiles.

Districts Nos. 10 and 11.—Annie M. Hayes, Walter Hayes, Nellie W. Hilton, Annie B. Mason, Laura E. Strachn, Fred T. Mason, Jennie Mason, Eddie Mason.

District No. 12.—Clara Ina Foss, John F. Jones.

District No. 13.—David F. Buffum, Frank B. Small, Warren S. Small, Charlie L. Small, Myra E. Foss, Alice M. Foss, Emma E. Evans.

District No. 14.—Melvin W. Witham, Perley E. Witham.

District No. 15.—Laura H. Canney, Hattie E. Gordon, Flora B. Gordon, Edith D. Piper, Hannah J. Piper, Leon S. Gordon, Lida B. Hawks.

District No. 16.—Mary A. Tasker, Leon R. Perry.

District No. 17.—Georgie Caswell, Eugene Foss.

District No. 18.—Della Hill, Lizzie Leighton.

District No. 19.—Woodbury W. Durgin, Eddie Tuttle, Mary J. Durgin, Gertrude Caverno, Nellie Seward, Lillian Tuttle, Ariel B. Boody, Johnnie Caverno.

District No. 20.—Edgar C. Hill.

Number of District.	TEACHERS.	Revenue.		Wages of Teachers.		Length of Schools.		Sum		Win.	
		Raised by Town.	Literary Fund.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Whole Attd.	Average Attd.	Whole Attd.	Average Attd.
1	Mrs. Edna I. Berry,	\$115.25	\$11.90	\$20.00	\$22.00	9	13.4	18	17	19	17
3	Miss Clara J. Berry,	78.71	8.13	19.00		6		22	20		
"	Nettie F. Foss,				22.00		11			23	20
4	Mr. Frank G. Foss,	57.26	5.91		20.00		12.2			5	5
5	Miss Hortense Dealand,	102.69	10.61	14.00	14.00	8	12	11	9	12	9
*6	Abbie D. Perkins,	26.58	2.74								
7	Lucretia G. Osborne,	86.49	8.93	24.00	24.00	8	8	34	27	33	25
9	S. Evannah Stiles,	133.51	13.74			10	2	14	12		
"	Sarah Foss,				24.00		13.6			18	15
+10	L. Alice Felker,	223.84	23.10	28.00		19		42	37		
+11	Mr. Henry O. Hill,				40.00		9.2			41	29
12	Mrs. N. L. Perkins,	67.02	6.92	18.00	18.00	8	8	8	7	9	8
13	Miss Abbie D. Perkins,	80.63	8.23	17.00		7.8		20	18		
"	Mr. C. W. Whitcher,				20.00		9.4			23	20
14	Miss Anna B. Hayes,	53.51	5.53	16.00	16.00	8	7	9	7	4	4
15	Lillian A. Piper,	87.37	9.03	19.00	20.00	6	13	13	12	14	14
16	Carrie H. Evans,	97.72	9.99	14.00	16.00	8	10.8	13	10	13	10
17	Mertie F. Jewell,	127.07	13.13	20.00		8		27	21		
"	Mr. C. H. Twombly,				27.70		13.2			27	20
18	Miss Anna J. Clark,	93.17	9.63	24.00	24.00	8	11	18	16	20	17
19	Mary Hall,	81.74	8.44	20.00	20.00	7	11	23	22	25	22
20	Nellie S. Hill,	50.65	5.23	15.00	15.00	7	7.6	3	3	5	4

* Now in Session.

† United.

‡ Two Terms.

